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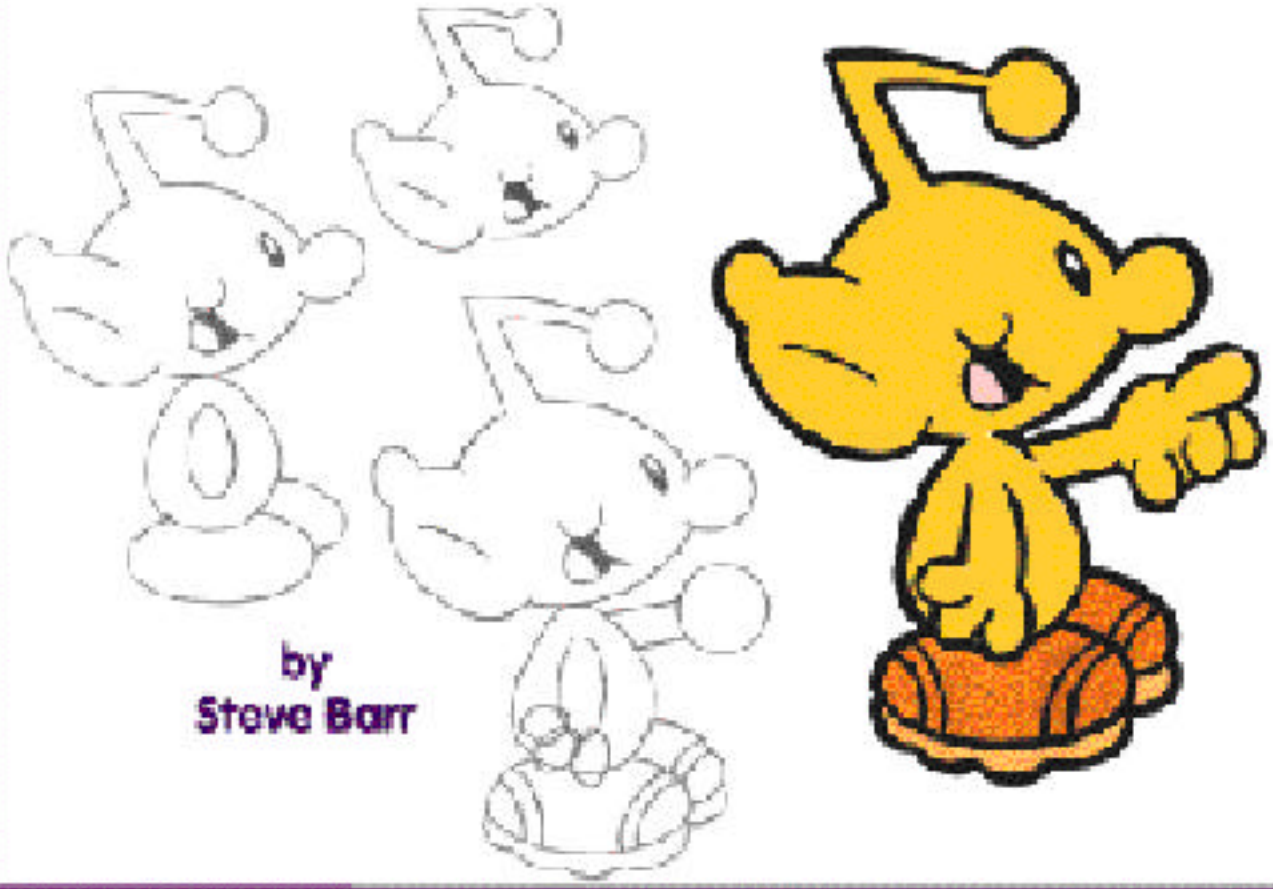

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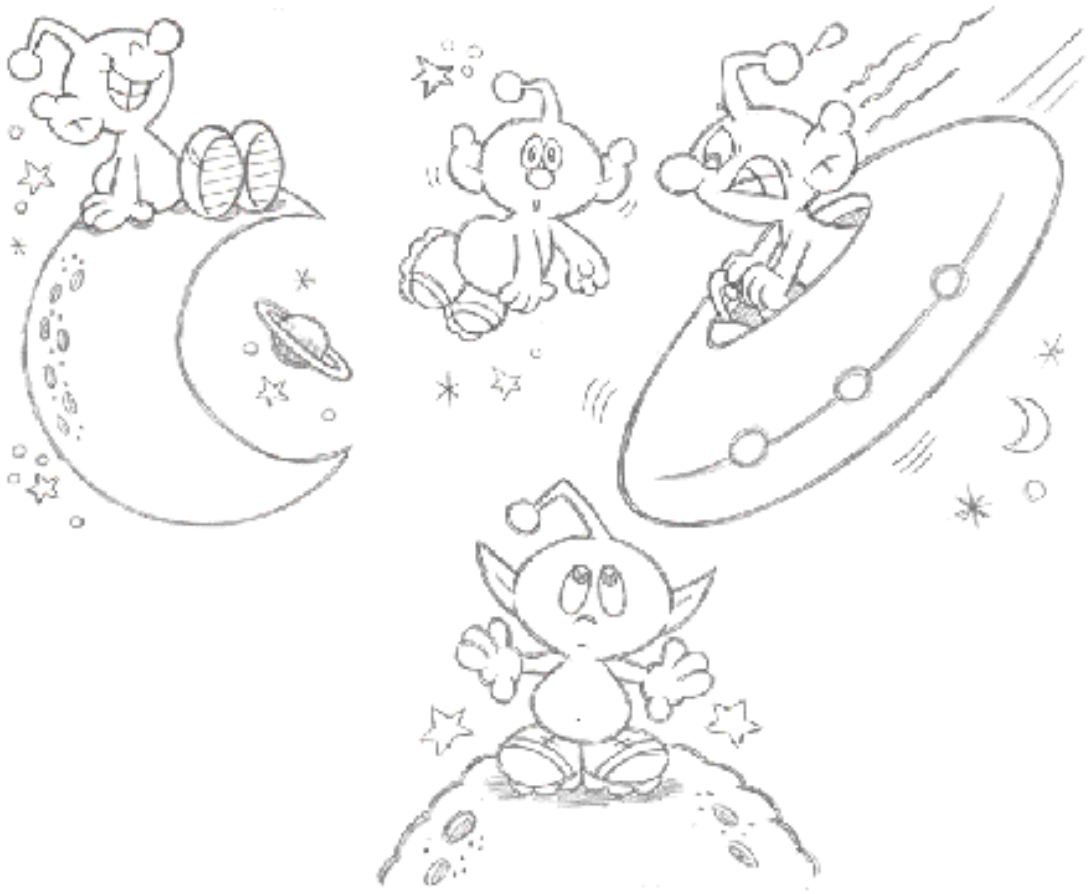

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Before you begin...

You will need the following supplies:

1. A pencil (or pencils!)
2. An eraser
3. A pencil sharpener
4. LOTS of paper
5. Colored pencils, markers or crayons
6. A good light source
7. A comfortable place to draw
8. Your imagination!

Are you ready?

Let's draw!

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No rules!

One of the most fun things about drawing cartoons is that there are NO RULES! Cartoons are just simple drawings using basic shapes and lines to create a funny picture. Cartoons are meant to make people laugh or smile. The sillier your cartoon looks the better.

When I was young, I spent hours sketching and doodling, and drawing cartoons. I got so good that I get paid to draw cartoons now. In this book you will learn how to draw really cool aliens and space stuff. You will be surprised at how easy it is to do once you start drawing.

Sketch, doodle, play!

Have fun. Experiment! If I tell you to draw a circle and you feel like drawing a square or a triangle, draw whatever you want. Make your very own creation. Change anything you want. Color your cartoon any color you wish. Create your own cartoon style. Draw to entertain your friends and family, and one day you may end up getting paid to do it too!

Cartooning Tips:

1. Draw lightly at first — SKETCH, so you can erase extra lines.
2. Practice, practice, practice! You will get better and your cartoons will get funnier.
3. Have fun cartooning!

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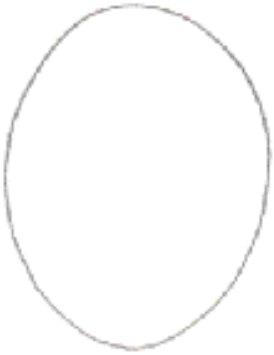
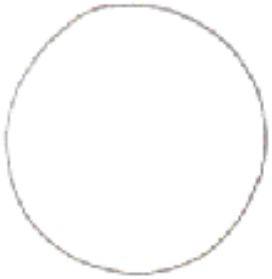
Basic Shapes and Lines

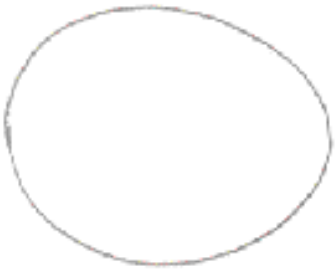
Here are some of the simple shapes and lines you will use to draw cartoon aliens:



Oval



Circle



Egg

Rectangle

Square

Triangle

Straight line

Squiggly line

Curved line

Remember to draw lightly at first. You will be erasing some of the lines when you complete the final drawing.

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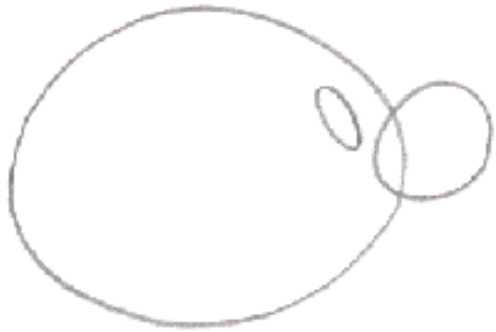
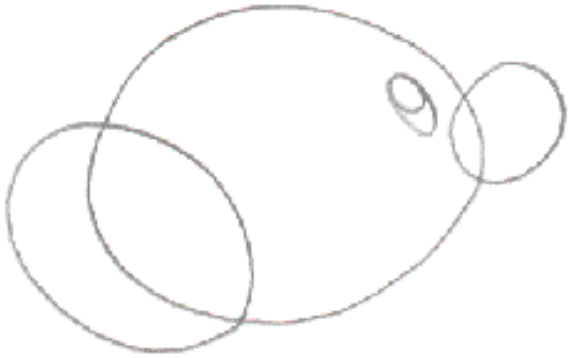
Alien head (side view)

Let's start by drawing just the head of an alien. A little later in this book, I will show you how to add the body. Since none of us really knows what an alien looks like, let's use our imagination and draw aliens that we would like to meet.



1 Sketch a big oval for the head. Sketch two smaller ovals for the nose and eye.



2 Draw a small oval inside the eye. Sketch an overlapping oval for the ear.

3 Darken part of the eye. Draw a small curved line for a smiling mouth. Sketch another oval on the ear.

4 Add a curved line to the mouth. Draw a slightly curved line inside the ear.

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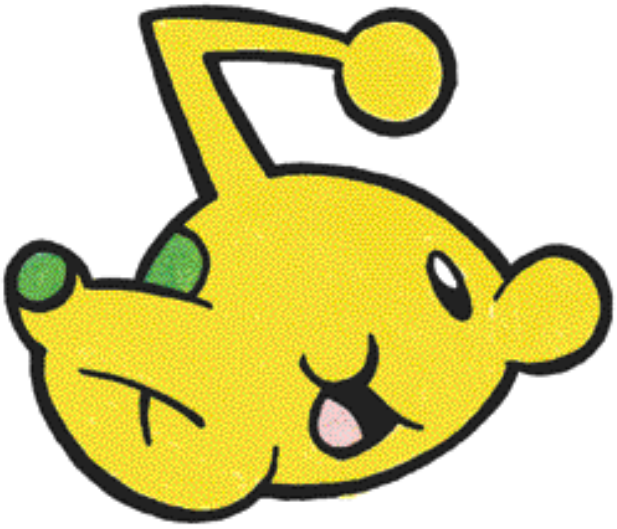
5 Draw four straight lines to begin his antenna. Add another curved line to the alien's mouth.

6 Add a circle to the end of the antenna. Draw another curved line inside his mouth.



7 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra sketch lines you don't need. Darken the final lines. Add color. Add triangles or squares or any fun features you wish.

Adorable alien!

GREAT JOB!

Sign your name and put today's date on your work. It lets everyone know you drew it!

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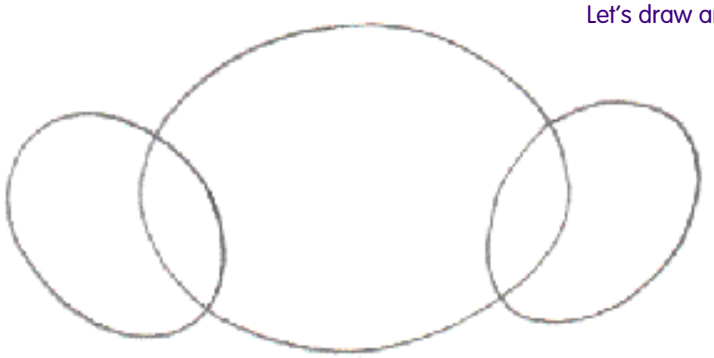
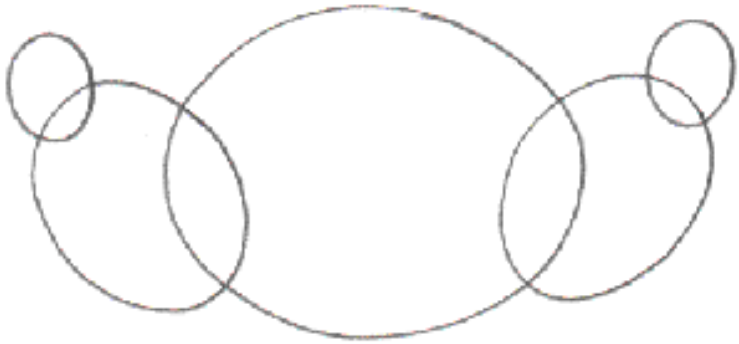
Alien head (front view)

Let's draw an alien looking right at you.



1 Lightly sketch three overlapping ovals, for the head and ears.



2 Draw a small oval on top of each ear oval.

3 Draw two small ovals for the eyes and a larger one for the nose.

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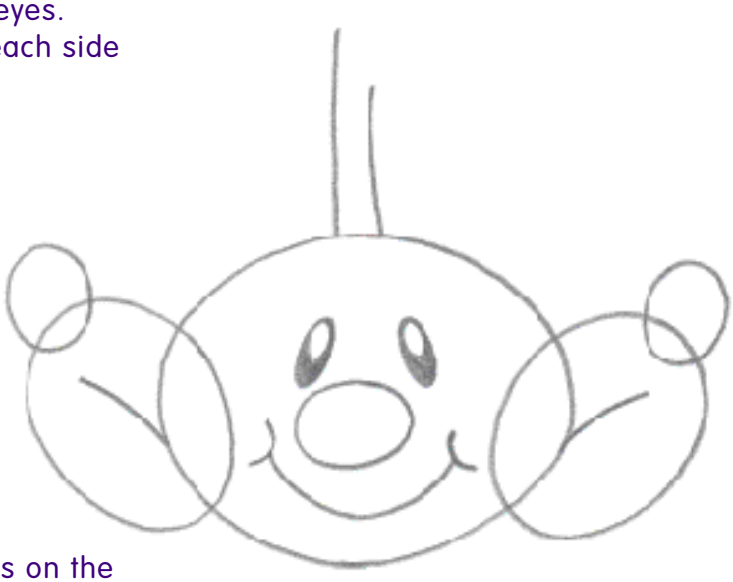
4 Add a small oval inside each eye. Draw a curved line for his mouth.

5 Darken in part of the eyes. Add a curved line to each side of his mouth.



6 Draw two straight lines on the top of his head, to begin the antenna. Draw a curved line inside each of the ears.

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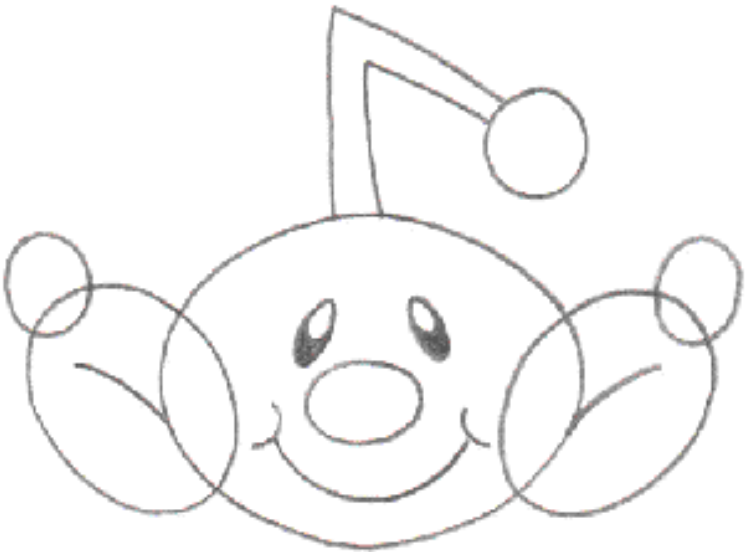

7 Add two slightly curved lines and a circle to the complete the antenna.

8 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra sketch lines. Darken the final lines. Add color.

WOW!!!

Experiment with colors and shapes to see how different you can make him look.

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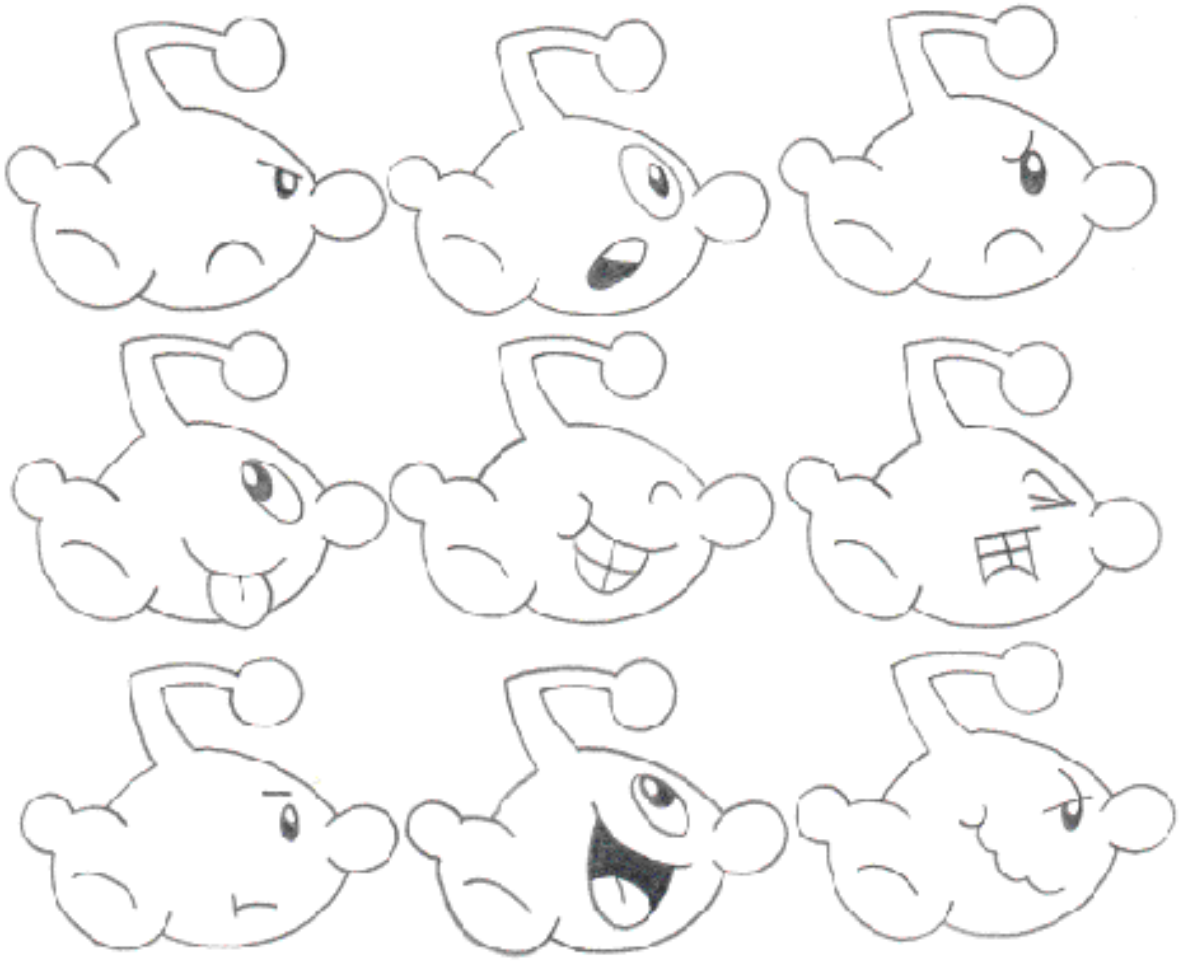
Alien expressions (side view)

You can bring your alien to life by drawing different expressions to show how he is feeling. Here are some examples of facial expressions you can easily draw with simple shapes and lines.

LOOK closely at the different expressions shown below. Can you see the simple shapes and lines that are used to show what mood he is in?

Start with a sketch of the outline of the alien's head.

Sketch your favorite expressions a few times and then try to create a new expression of your own.



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